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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: STUDENTS SENTENCED FOR PROTEST

REF: PRETORIA 2385

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, 79 RHODESIAN STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED AFTER THE ATTEMPTED DEMONSTRATION MARCH REPORTED REFTEL. MOST OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE APPARENTLY NOT WITH THE MAIN PROTEST BODY BUT HAD FORMED IN THE CENTER OF SALISBURY IN A SEPARATE DEMONSTRATION ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE ARRESTED GROUP ALSO INCLUDED STUDENT LEADER ISHMAIL CHATIKOBO AND TWO OTHER STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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2. THE 79 STUDENTS WERE GIVEN A HEARING ON APRIL 26 AND SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS HARD LABOR, SUSPENDED FOR FIVE YEARS, FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW AND ORDER ACT. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THE OTHER ESTIMATED 600 STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART. PRESS REPORTS SAY THAT MOST OF THE UNIVERSITY'S 1300 BLACK STUDENTS BOYCOTTED CLASSES AFTER HEARING OF THE SENTENCES IMPOSED (THERE

ARE SOME 900 WHITE STUDENTS ALSO AT THE UNIVERSITY).
STUDENT LEADERS WOULD NOT COMMENT ON ANY FURTHER PLANNED ACTION
BUT ONE IS QUOTED AS SAYING " WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE
SALISBURY AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT OVERLOOKS EVERYTHING THE
BLACKS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN DEMANDING."
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